

# *Welcome to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan*



**BAGRAM AIR BASE, AFGHANISTAN**

*"Providing expeditionary combat and combat support  
...in the Afghan Theater of Operations...."*

## ***BAGRAM AIRFIELD INFORMATION***

Bagram Airfield is located in eastern Afghanistan approximately 25 miles north of the nation's capital of Kabul. The installation is surrounded by the Hindu Kush Mountains and sits at an elevation of 5,000 feet. The Airfield was originally constructed in the 1950s by the Soviet Union and served as the Soviets main air base during the Soviet-Afghan War. Bagram was later the scene of fierce fighting between the Northern Alliance and Taliban. American forces began operating from Bagram Airfield in late 2001 and their presence has continued to grow.

Afghanistan is an ethnically diverse country made up of Caucasians, Mongoloids, and Australoids. Pashtun, Tajik, Uzbek, and Hazara are the dominant ethnic groups with a variety of others present. While more than 32 separate languages and dialects are spoken here, most Afghans speak either Dari or Pashtun. Dari is prevalent in the area around Bagram.

Afghanistan is a Muslim nation, with 84 percent of its population Sunni and 15 percent Shi'a. Modesty, hospitality, and strong family ties are the norm.

## USCENTCOM GENERAL ORDER 1-B

Current operations/deployments place United States Armed Forces into USCENTCOM AOR countries where Islamic Law and Arabic customs prohibit or restrict certain activities which are generally permissible in western societies. Restrictions upon these activities are essential to preserving U.S. - host nation relations and combined operations of U.S. and friendly forces. In addition, the high operational tempo combined with often hazardous duty faced by U.S. forces in the region makes it prudent to restrict certain activities in order to maintain good order and discipline and ensure readiness. **Violation of the following prohibited activities can result in serious punishments, up to and including Article 15.**

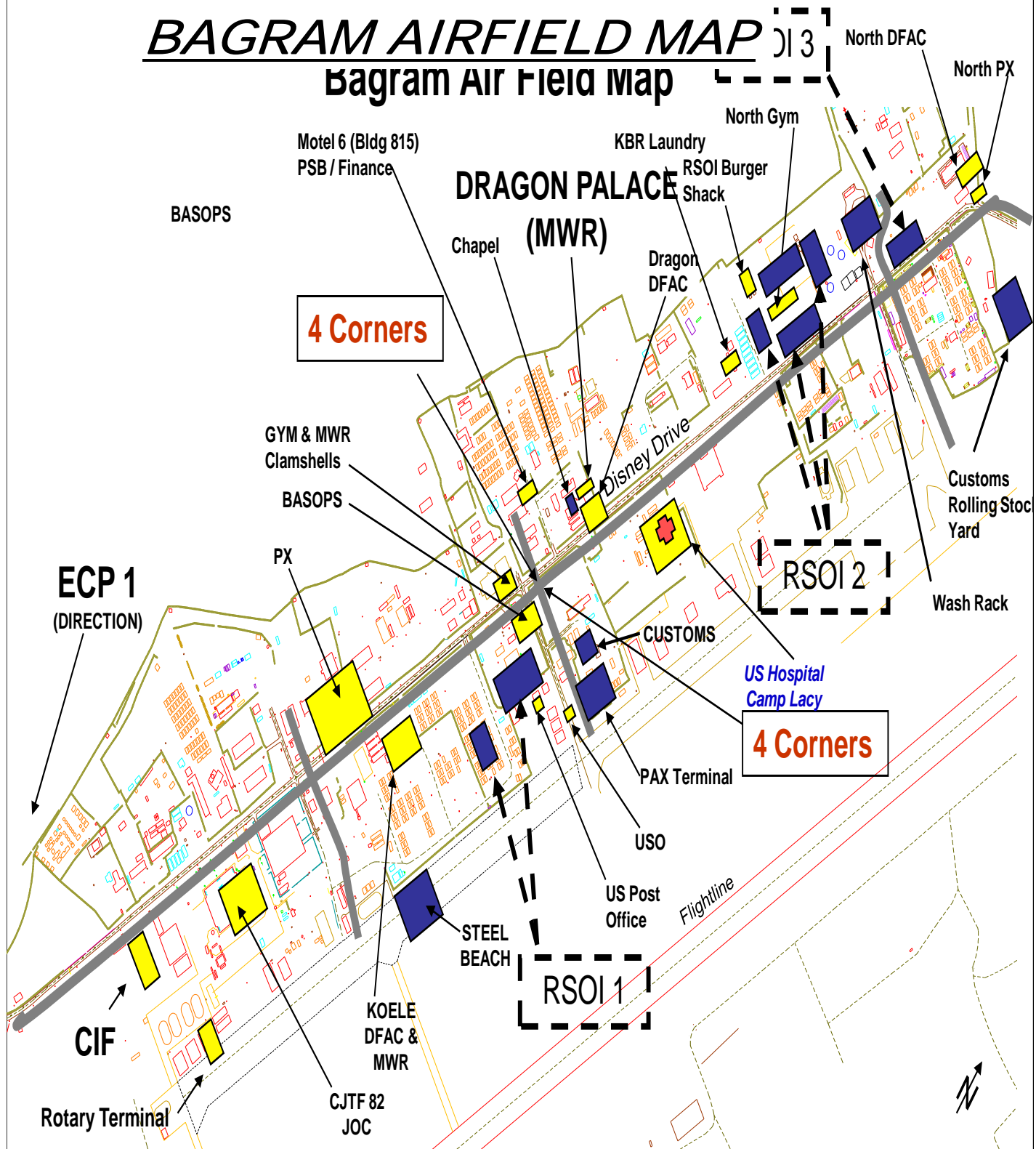
**SUMMARY OF PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:** Purchase, possession, use or sale of privately owned firearms, ammunition, explosives, or the introduction of these items into the USCENTCOM AOR.

- a. Entrance into a mosque or other site of Islamic religious significance by non-Muslims unless directed to do so by military authorities, required by military necessity, or as part of an official tour.
- b. Introduction, possession, use, sale, transfer, manufacture or consumption of any alcoholic beverage.
- c. Introduction, purchase, possession, use, sale, transfer, manufacture, or consumption of any controlled substances, or drug paraphernalia. Prescription drugs must be accompanied by the original prescription label.
- d. Introduction, possession, transfer, sale, creation or display of any pornographic or sexually explicit photograph, video tape, movie, drawing, book or magazine or similar representations. The prohibitions contained in this subparagraph shall not apply to AFRTS broadcasts and commercial videotapes distributed and/or displayed through AAFES or MWR outlets located within the USCENTCOM AOR.
- e. Photographing or filming detainees or human casualties or possession or transfer of any such images except as required for official duties.
- f. Gambling of any kind, including sports pools, lotteries and raffles, unless permitted by host-nation laws and service/component regulations.
- g. Removing, possessing, selling, or defacing artifacts or national treasures.
- h. Selling, bartering or exchanging currency other than at the official exchange rate.
- i. Adopting as pets or mascots, caring for, or feeding any type of animal.
- j. Proselytizing of any religion, faith, or practice.
- k. Attending host nation disciplinary proceedings of any kind, including executions.
- l. Taking or retaining individual souvenirs or trophies. Explanation follows:
  - (1) Private or public property may be seized during exercises or operations only on order of the commander based on military necessity. Such property will be collected, processed, secured and stored for later return to the lawful owner.
  - (2) Public property seized by U.S. Armed Forces is the property of the United States.

- (3) No weapon, munitions, or military article of equipment obtained or acquired by any means other than official issue may be retained for personal use or shipped out of the USCENCOM AOR for personal retention or control.
- (4) This prohibition does not preclude the lawful acquisition of souvenirs that can be legally imported into the United States.
- n. Visitation by persons to the sleeping quarters of a person of opposite gender except for official purposes **with proper approval**. Approval must be obtained first.

# BAGRAM AIRFIELD MAP

## Bagram Air Field Map



## **General Deployment Information**

**Mark your Baggage:** While traveling to the AOR, you will repeatedly have to claim your bags. Therefore, it is recommended that you mark your bags in some distinct manner to expedite your bag search and claim. If you are traveling in large groups, you may find it worthwhile to pool together to purchase a large piece of fabric that can be cut into strips for each person to tie to their bags, making it easier to identify those belonging to your team. It's also a good idea to first put your clothing in either a large plastic garbage bag or zip-loc bags before you put them in your suitcase/mobility bag. Additionally, you should place a copy of your orders in each bag in case your tags are lost, destroyed or torn off.

**In Your Carry-On:** If you are traveling during the winter months, expect subzero temperatures. Be sure to have gloves, hats, and coats readily accessible when you deplane.

**Your First 72 Hours:** Your first three days at Bagram will be rather busy. You will be met by the NAVCENT FWD HQ staff at that airport. They will arrange your follow on travel if you are leaving Bagram. If you are staying on Bagram they will arrange for your assigned unit to pick you up. You will attend an administrative in brief with NAVCENT FWD HQ shortly after your arrival. This is where your pay and personnel issues will be addressed. One turned over to your unit, you will attend "Day 2 Training" and conduct turnover with your predecessor before that individual rotates home. You will fill out the paperwork to establish your NIPR and SIPR email accounts.

### **SAFETY**

All combat deployments can be hazardous, but you will likely find Operation ENDURING FREEDOM particularly challenging. Extensive landmine threats, climate extremes, high operations tempo and the joint environment at Bagram combine to elevate risk to your operation. The Safety Office's goal is to help you get the right training, tools and manpower to do the job you came here to do. If you identify a situation or task that places doubt in your mind, stop and contact a supervisor or the appropriate safety specialty.

**General Safety:** Bagram Air Field is approximately 4,900 feet above sea level. Be sure to drink water and electrolytes at every opportunity. Rocks, drainage pits, and construction projects impose numerous tripping hazards. Darkness and low-light conditions increase the threat, so you should keep a flashlight on you at all times. Due to our highest mishap trend, fires – candles and space heaters in b-huts – are strictly prohibited and smoking is authorized in designated areas only.

**Rules of the Road:** Speed limits are 15MPH/25KPH unless otherwise posted. Seatbelts are mandatory! You are authorized to ride in pick up truck beds provided all cab seats are full. Passengers must sit in the bed, not on the rails or wheel well, and stay away from the tailgate. For a Gator/ATV vehicle, you must wear a kevlar helmet, impact (ballistic) resistant (ANSI rated) eye protection, and reflective belt. You must receive the proper training and a local flight line driver's license from Airfield Management before you drive on the flight line. Hazards increase during hours of darkness, vigilance for aircraft in blackout conditions is necessary and always wear your reflective belt. FOD checks are required and will help avoid an aircraft mishap.

**Mines & UXOs:** Bagram AF is a landmine-infested environment. Land mines and UXOs are abundant on and around Bagram Airfield. You will regularly hear detonations from ongoing landmine and UXO clearing operations. Most mined locations are marked with warning signs, flags and/or fenced off areas. However, for your safety remain on prepared surfaces.

**Weapons Safety:** Carry the M-16 slung over your shoulder to the front with the barrel pointed straight down. Similarly, 9mm weapon holsters must be configured so the barrel points straight down. Unless required for duty, all weapons will be in an “AMBER” status, defined as magazine in the chamber, weapon on safe, and no round in the chamber.

### MEDICAL PRECAUTIONS

Due to lack of sleep, constant contact with people, and not eating right, many people develop cold or flu symptoms soon after arriving. To avoid the “Bagram Crud”, make sure you’re physically fit before you travel, wash your hands often, and take vitamin C. In addition, follow three simple rules while you travel: eat, sleep, and drink water every chance you get—you never know when you may get another opportunity.

**The Sun:** Even during the winter months, sun exposure can be a problem. Apply SPF 30 or higher to all exposed skin when working outdoors. Your best protection is to wear a hat and keep your sleeves down.

**Wild Life:** Do not attempt to catch, kill or harass spiders, snakes, scorpions, cats, dogs, or any other animals on base. Consider all bugs and snakes to be venomous. Shake out your boots. Wear gloves when working around sandbags. Keep your fingers in sight. Do not feed any rodents or stray animals. Wear DEET, treat your uniforms with permethrin, and take your malaria pills. Keep working and living areas clean. Food scraps attract rodents, rodents attract snakes.

**Water:** Bottled water is provided for drinking at one of the water sheds around the base. The water in the latrines is *only* suitable for bathing and brushing teeth, *not for drinking!* Signs are clearly posted

**Vaccinations:** All personnel deployed to Bagram are required to stay current on all necessary immunizations, including flu shots.

### MEDICAL CARE

For all emergencies (life, limb or eyesight), dial 9-1-1 or go to the Emergency Room at Craig Joint Theatre Hospital, on Disney Drive.

Routine medical concerns and sick call can be addressed at their Outpatient Clinic (431-3214). All immunizations, malaria medication questions or refills, over-the-counter medication needs or outpatient concerns are directed to the clinics attached to the Craig Joint Theatre Hospital. Personnel seen at Craig Joint Theater Hospital should report to their unit following emergency room visits or if any duty limitations were provided during treatment (profile or quarters).

### PREPAREDNESS

**The Environment:** You are deploying to a combat zone. Attacks against Bagram Airfield are on the increase, and there is a clear and present threat. If your duties require you to leave the installation (go “outside the wire”), you will wear your helmet/body armor and chamber a round

in your weapon. Again, Afghanistan is heavily mined. Consider all unpaved surfaces, including areas commonly traveled on Bagram, as mined.

**What to Bring:** This information is updated on NKO and ECRC websites.

## **LODGING**

At Bagram, you will either live in a B-Hut or a Re-Locatable Building (RLB), both of which are heated and air conditioned. However, the B-Huts are not insulated and are cold in the winter. If you are deployed to Bagram during the winter, it is recommended that you bring an electric blanket (space heaters not allowed) and/or use your issued sleeping bag. The B-Huts are located throughout the base and have both portable and fixed latrine facilities interspersed among them. The RLBs feature bathrooms on each floor. B-Huts are constructed out of plywood and are typically divided into eight 7x7 rooms with six-foot walls. The RLBs are three-story metal buildings with approximately 160 sq ft per room. The majority of rooms in the RLBs have bunk beds to accommodate the larger number of personnel. Linens and pillows are available for purchase at the Base Exchange. If you encounter any problems with your B-Hut contact the Mayor's Cell responsible for your living area.

### General Rules for B-Huts and RLBs:

- a. Quiet hours are 24/7.
- b. Living quarters must present a professional image.
- c. No smoking in your B-Hut or RLB, Smoke only in designated smoking areas.
- d. Coffee pots are permitted, but no other cooking devices, heating units, or flame sources may be used.
- e. Males and females are not permitted in B-Huts of the opposite sex unless required to do so in the performance of official duties.

**Bathroom Rules:** Water is a finite resource and must be trucked in daily. Combat showers are MANDATORY: 30 seconds to get wet, stop the water, lather up, 2.5 minutes to rinse off...no more than 3 minutes total! Do not run water while shaving or brushing teeth.

## **UNIFORM & CLOTHING**

The following guidance is provided as a quick reference to common Army uniform standards and is not intended to be all inclusive. Army and Navy Personnel assigned to other Forward Operating Base (FOB) installations will not violate the dress and appearance standards. Any conflicts that arise between Army/Navy guidance and local policies will be elevated to and resolved at the commander level.

The only authorized clothing at Bagram Airfield for Army/Navy personnel are the Army Combat Uniform (ACU)/ Desert Camouflage Uniform (DCU) and the service specific Physical Training Uniform (PTU). Navy personnel attached to Army units **WILL NOT** wear associated Army unit patches unless authorized, and if authorized, only while attached to the unit.



## **General Clothing/Accessory Standards:**

**Reflective Belts.** All personnel will wear the reflective belt during the hours of darkness/decreased visibility when in uniform. The reflective belt will be worn around the waist and not draped over the shoulder. Reflective belts are not required when wearing the Navy PTU since it is reflective in design. However if a reflective belt is worn it will be around the waist.

**Bracelets.** Only one is authorized to be worn. Bracelets will not exceed 1/2 inch in width and will not support a cause, philosophy, individual or group. Traditional metal POW/MIA bracelets are authorized. Anklets are prohibited.

**Earrings.** Female Sailors wearing the Army Combat Uniform will follow Army uniform standards which DOES NOT allow for the wear of earrings. Sailors wearing DCU may wear earrings as prescribed in the Navy Uniform Regulations.

**Rings.** A maximum of three rings on both hands combined. Wedding sets count as one ring. Rings will be worn only at the base of the finger. No thumb rings authorized.

**Arm Bands.** ID cards and restricted area badges will NOT be permanently displayed via arm bands or any other means of visible display. Arm bands displaying restricted area badges may be worn only during periods of access to the restricted area and removed immediately upon exit from the restricted area. Exception: Arm bands or other ID holders may be worn when wearing the PTU. Arm bands will be worn above the elbow on the outermost garment.

**Sunglasses.** Glasses will not be worn on the top or back of the head or exposed/hanging on the uniform. Authorized ballistic glasses (clear or tinted) may be worn with retaining straps and may hang loosely around the neck, but will not be placed on top of the head.

**Clip-on Flashlight.** Small, conservative color (black or navy blue) key chain clip-on flashlights may be worn on the top left buttonhole of the ACU/DCU Shirt.

**Individual Body Armor (IBA).** Service members may attach nametape and rank insignia using Velcro to their IBA. Nametape will be placed on the top left side of the IBA and the rank will be placed immediately to the wearer's right of the name tape for easier identification.

**Desert Environment Equipment.** A desert-colored scarf and optional eyeglass safety strap (black elastic that conforms to contour of the head) are authorized for wear during desert operations as weather and work conditions require. When authorized by a supervisor, the desert-colored scarf may be worn in conjunction with headgear for sun, dust storm, and cold weather protection.

**Tactical Gear.** Mixing/matching patterns is currently authorized.

**Rucksack/ Backpack/Camelback.** May be carried on the left or right shoulder, or on both shoulders centered on the back. Backpack equipment will not obstruct the person's ability to render the proper salute. Permissible rucksacks and backpacks color are black, desert

camouflage, tan, dark blue, and olive drab green. Permissible camelback colors are black, desert camouflage and tan. ACU patterns are authorized. Graphics and embroidery must be conservative. Individual's last name may be applied for identification purposes.

**Soiled Uniforms.** Soiled ACU/DCUs will not be worn outside the work area, i.e. dining facilities, post exchange, post office, etc. Uniforms that cannot be cleaned to standards will be properly destroyed and replaced through standard issue. Sweaty PT gear is not authorized for wear in any dining facilities.

**No-Hat/headgear Areas:** All headgear must be removed when in the vicinity of, or on the flight line.

**Female hair.** Long hair must be secured with no loose ends. Hair pins and bands will match hair color. No scrunchies. Hair must not extend below the collar.

**Smoking.** No smoking while walking when you are in uniform or PTU.

**Steel-toed boots.** If required for duty performance they must be brought from home station. They are not available for issue in the AOR.

**ACU/DCU Coat (Shirt).** Sleeves will not be rolled or folded up.

**Undergarments (T-Shirt).** Only desert sand (light tan) T-shirts and long-sleeved turtle necks are authorized with ACUs, brown T-shirts are required for wear under DCU's. Same color thermal undershirts may be worn under T-shirts with DCU/ACUs.

**Headgear.** Hat worn with ACU/DCUs will be the coordinating ACU/DCU pattern patrol cap. Currently the floppy ("boonie") hat is not authorized for wear onboard Bagram AF. The brim will not be flipped, pinned, or altered, but may be ironed. Headgear will be worn while outdoors.

**Socks.** Sock color for the ABU is sage green or any other color authorized for non-ABU utility uniform.

**Footwear (Combat Boots).** Boots worn with the ACU/DCU are the brown desert color sole and upper suede material.

**Belt and Buckle.** Sand web, tan or black riggers belt with nondescript black buckle is mandatory with the ACU/DCUs.

**Gloves.** Material can be leather, suede, or knit. For wear with the ACU/DCU, gloves can be black or sage green.

**Accouterments.** The reflective American Flag patch is worn on right upper sleeve on the ACU. The American Flag is not worn on the DCU.

**Nametapes.** No Arabic style nametapes are authorized on ACUs or BDUs.

**Patches.** No unit patches are authorized on DCUs. US Army Unit/Combat Patches are not authorized (except personnel assigned to Army Units).

**Physical Training Uniform (PTU).**

Physical Training Uniform is available for purchase at the Bagram BX. However, availability and size selection are limited. It is highly recommended that you bring a sufficient number of sets to get you through the deployment. The PTU may be worn in any of the following combinations: shorts with T-shirt; shorts with T-shirt and sweat shirt; pants with T-shirt; pants with T-shirt and sweat shirt. Due to the long turn time in laundry service, it is recommended that you bring at least 4 sets of PTU more may be necessary. PTU shirt will be tucked in at all times.

**PTU standards are as follows:**

**Shirt.** PTU shirt must be tucked in at all times, to include when working out, jogging, and when going to and from latrines/showers.

**Pants.** PTU pants must be worn on the hips with the legs pulled down.

**Shoes.** Conservative athletic shoes will be worn with the PTU. Sandals and shower shoes may be worn with the PTU to and from shower/latrine facilities only. During periods of inclement weather (i.e. snow, rain to such a degree it creates a quagmire) boots, hot/cold weather desert may be worn with the PTU to and from facilities while in living areas. Regardless of climatic conditions, athletic shoes must be worn while performing physical training in the fitness centers.

**Undergarments.** Spandex undergarments or leggings may be worn under the PTU without the PT jacket and pants when working out and traveling to/from the gym. Wear of spandex undergarments without the PT jacket and pants is not authorized at any other time. The only authorized colors are black or navy blue. A long sleeve T-shirt, turtleneck or thermal may be worn under the PTU T-shirt as well. Briefs/boxers will not be visible when wearing any uniform combination. Cold weather clothing items may be layered under the PTU jacket and pants. Color consistency should be compatible to support a professional appearance (i.e. blue, black, grey, white sweatshirts or fleece liners) and layered clothing will not protrude below the jacket waist band or beyond the cuffs.

**Stocking Cap.** The black stocking cap is authorized if wearing the jacket (outdoors only) from 1 October to 31 March. Authorized with PTU if cold weather gear is layered under the shirt or PTU outer garment is worn. All headgear is for outdoor wear only and will not be worn indoors.

**Hair standards.** Do not apply while working out, however, female hair that extends below the collar must be neat and tied back.

**Headphones and associated devices.** Are only authorized indoors. They are not authorized for outdoor physical fitness activity.

**Saluting.** Required in all uniform combinations except Navy personnel in PTU per Navy Regulations.

**Cold Weather Gear.** The following additional cold weather gear is required for deployments to Bagram between 1 October and 31 March and should be issued at your home station. Cold weather brown knit sweater or sleep shirt (1ea), Cold weather wool socks (5pr) and Field jacket with liner or Gore-Tex jacket with cold weather liner (1ea)

**Under Garments.** When conditions dictate, thermal underwear can be worn and be exposed at the neck of the ACU/DCU tan or desert sand colored thermal underwear is authorized.

**Outer Garments.** The ACU/BDU Gore-Tex® jacket is authorized. Liners of outer garments are not to be worn alone, as they are not authorized as an outer garment. Fleece liners are authorized as liners only (not for outerwear), and can be black or sage green.

**Cold Weather Camouflage Parka (Gore-Tex™).** Authorized with all utility uniforms at any time. The jacket may be worn with PT gear and the PTU as weather dictates, and rank will remain on the jacket at all times. Cloth rank, desert shade, is preferred; if not available, subdued metal insignia maybe worn (except in flight line areas due to foreign object hazard) on the front tab of the jacket.

**Cold Weather Camouflage Pants (Gore-Tex™).** May be worn during cold and inclement weather. Gore-Tex pants are not authorized without the accompanying Gore-Tex jacket.

**Watch Cap.** Navy style watch cap is authorized for wear as an outer garment (outdoors only) between the period of 1 October thru 31 March if cold weather gear is layered under the shirt or a uniform outer garment is worn, e.g. cold weather camouflage parka (Gore-Tex™), DCU jacket, or ACU jacket. Watch cap may not be worn beneath other authorized headgear with the exception of helmet or parka hood. Wear the sides of the cap down to cover the ears to the maximum extent possible. Do not wear the cap rolled up on top of the head. The seam of the cap will rest on the crown of the head. Watch cap worn with the ACU will be black or sage green. The watch cap is a functional clothing item and is not a replacement for the ACU or DCU hat when temperatures are mild to warm.

**Sweater.** Olive green sweater may be worn under the ACU shirt only.

**Neckwear.** Black scarves are authorized with the Cold Weather Gore-Tex™ and must be tucked in.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Bagram Airfield has, nearly all work areas and services within easy walking distance. A shuttle bus runs along the single main street in a continuous cycle

## **LAUNDRY SERVICE**

A contracted laundry service is available for up to 19 items at a time plus your laundry bag, for a total of 20 items. A pair of socks counts as one item. Fill out the appropriate forms available at the Dragon Laundry Facility. Simply drop the bag off at the Services laundry hut between 07

0730L at 1900L Monday through Sunday. Blankets and sleeping bags are only allowed on Sundays. Per the Bagram contract, the cleaners have 72 hours to return your laundry. Be sure to bring at least two sturdy laundry bags with last 4 of social security visible. .

## **RECREATION**

There are ample opportunities to unwind at the end of the duty day. As the Base Operating Support-Integrator (BOS-I), the host Army unit provides activities.

## **PHYSICAL TRAINING**

There are several fitness centers open to all personnel on Bagram Airfield. One of the Bagram facilities is at the “4-Corners.” Another is located near the North DFAC, and the third is by the Aviation Brigade, a 10 minute walk. All offer free weights, cardio equipment, and some resistance equipment. Camp Cunningham, has two fitness tents available, offering cardio, free weights and some resistance equipment. Disney Drive, Bagram’s main street, is closed every morning to vehicle traffic to provide a safe running route. You can run on the sidewalks and the perimeter road during the day. Running the perimeter road at night is not authorized. Running/exercising is not permitted on the flight line.

## **BAGRAM LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER (LRC)**

The Education Center is located in the Base Exchange area. They offer CLEP/DANTES testing and college courses. Additionally, the Camp Cunningham Library and LRC provide a quiet environment for studying and reading.

## **COMMUNICATIONS BACK HOME**

Two 15-minute morale calls per week are allowed. Camp Cunningham and Bagram’s Movie Theater have phones and computers available for use. The morale call number is 312-431-1211, and the 800 access number is 809-463-3376. Due to limited network bandwidth, Bagram does not have videophone capabilities over government lines; however it does have limited VTC capabilities for official use. The USO offers free wireless internet services, however is frequently very slow due to high demand. A commercial internet provider will provide service to your B-hut/RLB for a fee; however, service is sporadic and can also be slow at times.

## **E-MAIL**

There are two NIPR and SIPR computer networks, operated by the Army respectively. Where you work will determine which systems you will use. Your email address will be:

Army NIPR: [firstname.middleinitial.lastname@afghan.swa.army.mil](mailto:firstname.middleinitial.lastname@afghan.swa.army.mil)

Army SIPR: [firstname.middleinitial.lastname@afghan.swa.army.smil.mil](mailto:firstname.middleinitial.lastname@afghan.swa.army.smil.mil)

All personnel are authorized to use official e-mail for limited morale purposes, provided it does not violate theatre policy. You can access most web-based e-mail providers, such as Hotmail and Yahoo. The Bagram network is operated by the Army, and therefore does not have a global address list of Navy personnel outside of Afghanistan. Due to limited network bandwidth availability, all personnel should limit the size of any attachments on e-mails, as well as web surfing, to the absolute minimum required for the mission.

Recommend you fill out the required paperwork for your NIPR and SIPR email accounts prior to your arrival identifying who you are replacing. Contact your Bagram work center and have them send you the paperwork. You will also be required to complete DoD Information Assurance Training.

### **MAIL SERVICE**

Your mail delivery address during deployment is:

**First Name/Last Name (No Rank)**  
**UNIT/OFFICE SYMBOL**  
**APO AE 09354**

Bagram Airfield has one main post office. Unit mail reps retrieve it and deliver it to their units. Mail and packages average ~10 to 14 days shipping time from the US. There are outgoing letter boxes throughout the base where you can mail letters and cards for free. Write "FREE MAIL" at the upper right corner of the envelope (where the postage stamp is usually placed). Mail packages at the Bagram main post office, located close to the USO. All packages will be inspected by Customs Officials for unauthorized times. *Do not seal your package prior to taking them to the post office.* Customs forms are available at the main post office. Tape is available for sealing Priority Mail packages after the package search is complete; however, you must bring your own tape for other types of packages. **The post office only accepts cash and Eagle Cash—no credit cards or checks!**

### **RELIGIOUS SERVICES**

A Chaplain's office consisting of one Air Force Chaplain and Chaplain Assistant is located at the TF Medical Center. These chaplains are on-call and can be reached after duty hours in case of emergency at 481-6111. Several opportunities for worship, studies and other spiritual needs are offered each week. In addition, the US Army at Bagram has a fully staffed chapel with many religious opportunities offered each week at Enduring Faith Chapel, Aviation Chapel and the Lighthouse Coffee Ministry.

### **DINING**

There are six dining facilities (DFACs). The Koele and Destiny (Aviation) Inns are located South off of Disney Drive. The Dragon Inn is on Disney Drive and is the closest to Camp Cunningham. These three facilities are less than a six-minute walk from Camp Cunningham. Heading north on Disney Drive, there is the RSOI (BBQ) DFAC near Dairy Queen North and the North DFAC. The Yelner DFAC is located on the east side of the flight line. There are other

coalition DFACs with limited hours. In addition to the DFACs, Bagram Airfield has a Burger King, Subway sandwich shop, Pizza Hut, Popeye's Fried Chicken, Dairy Queen, and two Green Bean coffee shops.

ACUS or PT uniforms are mandatory at the dining facility. *No bags, purses or backpacks are allowed inside the DFAC.* Weapons are mandatory and ID cards are required.

## **FINANCE**

The Army Finance Office is located in Motel 6 (Bldg 815). The Army Finance Office will cash one personal check, not to exceed \$300, every 30 days. This is where you would get your Eagle Cash Cards as well.

Automatic Teller Machines are located in both Base Exchanges. The exchanges will take debit/credit cards, STAR Card and Eagle Cash. **Eagle Cash cards** are available at the Finance Office.

## **NAVCENT**

You will process through KUWAIT to receive Hostile Fire Pay and Combat zone tax exclusion. NAVCENT offers services to include: re-enlistments, extensions, and updating assignment preferences. They do not have DEERS capabilities. See attached *Welcome To Afghanistan Brochure-COMUSNAVCENT FORWARD HQ AFGHANISTAN*.

## **WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING WITH YOU**

Almost everything you will need for personal hygiene can be purchased through the BX. If you have a brand preference, you should bring enough for your tour or have it mailed to you due to the limited selections available. In regards to electronics, both your living and working areas will have 110-power and use U.S. plugs. This is not true for all outlying FOBS.

Below is a list of recommended items you should consider bringing to Bagram, in addition to your issued items and clothing.

- Personal credit/debit card for use at the BX or Eagle Cash Card
- Personal checkbook for cashing checks at Finance
- Some cash for travel
- PT gear (recommend a minimum of 4 sets)
- Socks/underwear to last 7-10 days
- Shower shoes, preferably heavy duty type
- Prescription glasses/reading glasses
- Sunglasses & sunscreen
- Small flashlight with spare batteries

- Toiletries as needed, at least one-month supply (note: airlines restrict liquids/gels/aerosols to 3oz containers in one, quart-size zip-lock container)
- At least 2 cloth laundry bag(s) (mesh is not recommended)
- Travel combo or key lock for your bags
- Alarm clock – battery or electric
- Electric Blanket (Oct - Mar)

### **MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION**

**Red Cross:** An American Red Cross office is located on Bagram Airfield, (318) 431-4242 or 481-6956. Give your family members the phone numbers of your home station First Sergeant, Command Master Chief, Commander or Command Ombudsman in case of emergencies.

**Emergency Leave:** Emergency leave will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Emergency leave will normally be granted for deaths and terminal illness of your (or your spouse's) parents, children, siblings, sole surviving relative, and persons meeting "in-loco-parentis" criteria. Emergency leave is *not* granted for normal childbirths, marital problems, to attend to legal or financial problems, or for emergencies involving friends, fiancées, or other than immediate family members. Contact your commander as soon as possible if you anticipate the need for emergency leave.

**United Service Organizations (USO):** Located near Camp Cunningham, the USO provides movies, snacks and services to include free wireless Internet access.

**Return Information:** Give your families a "window" of time that you should be leaving the AOR. Plans change all the time for many reasons, so giving specific dates is asking for trouble and heartache.



## WEATHER

Average temperatures and precipitation for each month:

	Average Temperature		Extreme Temperature		Average Precipitation	
Month	High	Low	High	Low	# of Days	Inches
Jan	48	20	25	-8	7	4.1
Feb	53	29	69	-3	8	2.7
Mar	66	41	83	10	11	2.2
Apr	75	49	92	31	11	2.2
May	83	54	99	35	6	0.8
Jun	93	65	103	45	2	0.0
Jul	96	69	105	49	1	0.1
Aug	95	68	107	45	1	0.1
Sep	90	57	105	38	2	0.1
Oct	77	45	93	30	2	0.4
Nov	63	34	79	20	5	1.9
Dec	52	27	72	-5	6	3.5

## **Quick Reference: BAF Rules**

- No photography outdoors without prior approval
- BAF speed limits as posted
- Weapons will be on person at all times (except during PT/Hygiene in amber status on BAF (Chamber and magazine will have loaded magazine, unchambered)
- Do not feed or touch the animals
- No public display of affection
- No alcohol - General Order 1 applies to all BAF personnel
- Smoke only in designated smoking areas
- All areas on BAF are “salute” areas, unless otherwise posted
- **ARCENT/CFLCC Standards Book, Chapter 4, Item # 27**
  - **Earphones/Headphones – Soldiers may wear earphones/headphones attached to electronic devices while conducting individual physical training indoors**
  - **Headphones may not be used while walking/running/biking outdoors**

### **Uniform Policy:**

- Shirts must be worn at all times
- Personnel must wear reflective belts/vest when conducting physical training on roadways/near vehicular traffic during periods of limited visibility
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- Uniform issue physical training gear, except unit shirt, are authorized inside and outside the fitness center (NO CIVILIAN PT ATTIRE FOR MILITARY MEMBERS)
- Clean PT uniform is authorized anywhere on BAF including chow hall
- Dirty/sweaty PT uniforms will not be worn inside dining facility
- Closed toe shoe only in DFAC
- No guests in rooms between the hours of 2200-0600
- Quiet time in living quarters: 2200-0600 (any audible equipment must have headphones or mute)
- No photography, sunglasses or PT gear during Fallen Ceremony attendance

## **Quick Reference Sheet Bagram Airfield Services**

- Task Force Med 431-3214
  - Sick Call Hours: Monday – Saturday 0700-1700  
Sunday – 0700-1200
  - Dental appointments 431-2129
  - Sick Call Hours: Monday-Saturday 0800-1000
- Dining Facility Hours:
  - Breakfast: 0530-0900
  - Lunch: 1130-1400
  - Dinner: 1700-2100
  - Midnight: 2300-0100
- MWR Activities:
  - Library – 24 hrs
  - Movie Theatres (Camp Cunningham/Dragon/8 Ball)
  - Movie Schedules: <http://bgrma0afgn03/sites/BAF%20ALL/MWR/default.aspx>
  - Pool/Foosball/Ping-Pong Tables – 24 hrs
  - Fitness Center/Game & TV Tent – 24 hrs
  - Schedule of Events-<http://bgrma0afgn03/sites/BAF%20ALL/MWR/default.aspx>
- PX/Local Vendors: 431-2636 Monday-Sunday 0700-2100
- USO: 481-6958
- Wireless/AFN Services available: Packages starting at \$35 per month, bring personal lap top to I/O Global Internet Office-Main PX to configure services. Hours: Mon-Sun 0800-1900
- Bagram Day Spa: 431-2651
  - Monday-Sunday 0830-2230
  - List of Services Available (see attached list)
- Post Office: Mon – Sat: 0900-1700/Sun: 0900-1200
  - Units must coordinate with Post Office in order to receive mail
  - Letters to the US addresses are free up to 13 oz. Print “FREE” in stamp area.
  - Every package is inspected prior to mailing, do not seal package before inspection.
  - Mailing Address: Rank/Name  
Unit  
APO AE 09354
- Morale Calls
  - Toll Free Access Number 8094633376 wait for second dial tone then dial calling card toll-free number. Use same toll free access number to dial any toll free number.
  - DSN to the US: 312 xxx-xxxx DSN to Afghanistan: 318 xxx-xxxx  
DSN to Japan: 315 xxx-xxxx

## **Quick Reference: BAF Worship Services**

### **Sunday Services**

- Liturgical Protestant Service 0830L
- Latter Day Saints “Annex” 1000L & 2000L
- Chapel NeXt “Contemporary” 1030L
- Catholic Mass 1230L
- Lutheran Service “Annex” 1330L
- *Gospel* 1530L
- Church of Christ “Annex” *Non-Instrumental* 1800L
- Traditional Protestant Service 1900L
- Catholic Mass “Blessed Sacrament” 1945L
- KBR Full Gospel 2030L

### **Daily Mass**

- Monday—Friday 1130L “Blessed Sacrament”
- KBR Midweek Service Tuesday 2000L “Annex”
- Muslim Service Friday 1200L B-Hut - Across the Street from Chapel
- Jewish Service Friday “Annex” 1900L
- Catholic Mass Saturday 1945L
- Seven Day Adventist Saturday “Annex” 0930L

## **Quick Reference: Deployment OIF/OEF Military Pay Entitlements**

The following information is provided to help Service Members arrange their finances in preparation for deployment:

**a. Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS).** Soldiers will deploy in a TCS status. All deploying Soldiers will receive BAS / Separate Rations. BAS will continue for Soldiers who are receiving it at the time of deployment and will be started for Soldiers who are on meal cards.

**b. Per Diem.** All deployed Service Members who are in a Temporary Change of Station (TCS) or TDY status are entitled to OCONUS incidental per diem at \$3.50 a day or \$105 a month. Most contingency areas have check cashing functions, but no ATMs; so take your checkbook and/or a cash advance on your government travel card, before you depart.

**c. Hostile Fire Pay (HFP)/Imminent Danger Pay (IDP).** HFP/IDP is payable to all Service Members in the total land and air space of Iraq. Service Members receive \$225.00 a month for each month, or part of a month, in which the Service Member is present in the HFP/IDP area. Entitlement starts upon arrival to the authorized location and terminates upon departure.

**d. Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE).** Public Law authorizes CZTE for all Service Members receiving HFP in Iraq and Afghanistan. A Service Member who is present, however brief, in this area, including airspace, and is on official duty qualifies for CZTE for that month. All pay for both enlisted personnel and warrant officers is tax exempt for the months spent in the CZTE area.

All enlisted pay, allowances, and leave, earned in a TDY location, designated for 'Combat Zone Tax Exemption' (CZTE), are tax free. Bonuses are paid, based on rank when earned. Bonus money remains tax free, even if paid in installments over the next several years. When tax exempt leave is taken, taxable wages are reduced on W-2 wage & tax statements at end of tax year, based on the number of days members earned while in combat zone. Commissioned officer pay is tax exempt at an amount equal to the Sergeant Major of the Army's Basic Pay plus HFP. For calendar year 2004, this is equal to \$6,315.90 per month (6,090.90 + 225.00).

Combat zones and the applicable dates are determined by Presidential Executive Order. Currently, members assigned to the Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, part of the Arabian Sea that is north of 10° N latitude and west of 68° E longitude, Gulf of Aden, total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Afghanistan are in a designated combat zone.

**e. Hardship Duty Pay-Location (HDP-L).** Indicated as Save Pay on the Leave and Earnings Statement (LES), is payable to all Service Members on a monthly basis according to location and living conditions. Currently, HDP-L is payable at a rate of \$100 per month for all Service Members.

**i. Savings Deposit Program (SDP).** All Service Members deployed at least 30 consecutive days may contribute to this risk free program. Service Members may make any number of deposits in any amount each month, provided the total deposited in a one month period does not exceed the Service Member's monthly net pay and allowances. Interest is paid at the guaranteed rate of 10 percent per annum, compounded quarterly (calendar quarter). Contributions are limited to \$10,000, so the most someone could earn is \$500 in interest over a six-month deployment or \$1,000 for a one-year deployment. The money must be withdrawn within 90 days of returning

from the deployment region. This is a great opportunity for service members to accrue at a higher interest rate than at an average interest rate of two or three percent.

Service members use the program by making deposits with their deployed finance unit. Service members may begin making deposits on their 31st consecutive day in the designated area. Eligibility to make deposits terminates on the date of departure from theater. Active duty members may make deposits by cash, personal check, traveler's check, money order or allotment. Reserve component members may make deposits by cash, personal check or money order only. Standing policies regarding personal check acceptance and regulatory restrictions regarding number and type of allotments apply.